

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1812 without my signature.

AB 1812 would expand, until December 31, 2006, those authorized to perform the medical examination required of drivers who transport school children, the elderly or disabled, and farm laborers in vehicles. The bill would also require the DMV to submit a report, on or before December 31, 2006, regarding this authority granted to a physician's assistant, advanced practice nurse, or a doctor of chiropractic to perform these medical examinations.

This bill is unnecessary. Before reducing the current standard, the study required in this bill should be completed. I am directing the Department of Motor Vehicles to undertake this and make recommendations to the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing on how this issue should be dealt with.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger